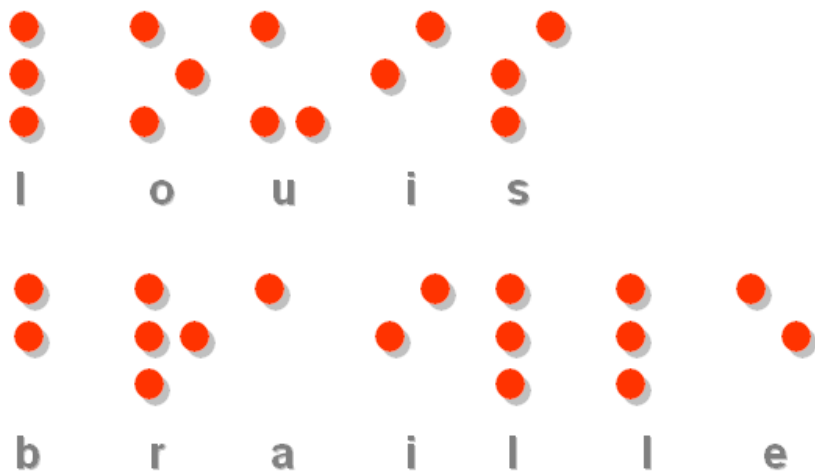




**“People who enjoy books
make better readers and
well-rounded people.”**





Eligibility Requirements



Blindness

Visual disability

Physical disability

Reading disability
(i.e. dyslexia)

DISABILITY	QUALIFIED OR NOT QUALIFIED	WHO CAN CERTIFY
Reading Disability, like dyslexia	Students with a reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction and of enough severity to prevent their reading printed material in a normal manner.	With persons classified as reading disabled, usually only the effect is readily apparent. The cause, when physical, lies within the central nervous system, and, under the existing regulation, this cause can be determined only by competent medical authority.
Blindness or Visual Disability	Qualified	For most eligible people served by this program, the cause of the inability to read printed material—such as blindness, paralysis, loss of arms or hands, extreme weakness, or palsy—is readily observable. In these cases, professionals in various fields related to health care, education, or rehabilitation are acceptable as certifying authorities.
Physical Disability, where you cannot hold or turn the pages of a book	Qualified	
ADHD, Intellectual Disabilities, Autism, ESL or ELL	Not Qualified, unless there is another visual or physical disability or a reading disability that is of organic dysfunction	N/A

SB 2075



Talking Book Program

Student Resources for Reading Disabilities

The Talking Book Program (TBP) offers students with reading disabilities – such as dyslexia – a variety of reading materials, from Pre-K to young adult. Digital audiobooks allow students to read the latest bestseller or a classic book needed for a classroom assignment.

Qualified students can apply to the free program.

For more information or for questions, visit www.texastalkingbooks.org or call 1-800-252-9605 or 512-463-5458 in Austin.



SB 2075 - Relates to public school compliance with dyslexia screening, reading instrument requirements and a requirement that a school district notify certain parents or guardians of a program providing students with reading disabilities the ability to borrow audiobooks free of charge.

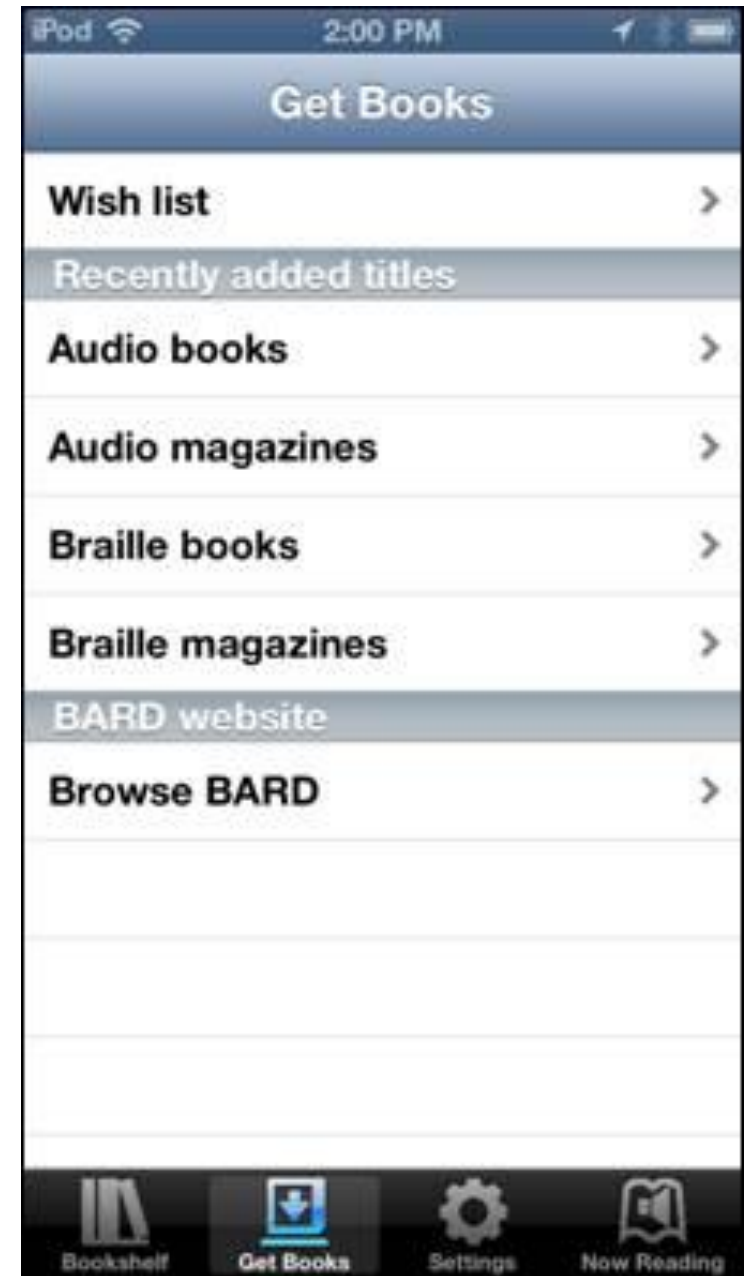
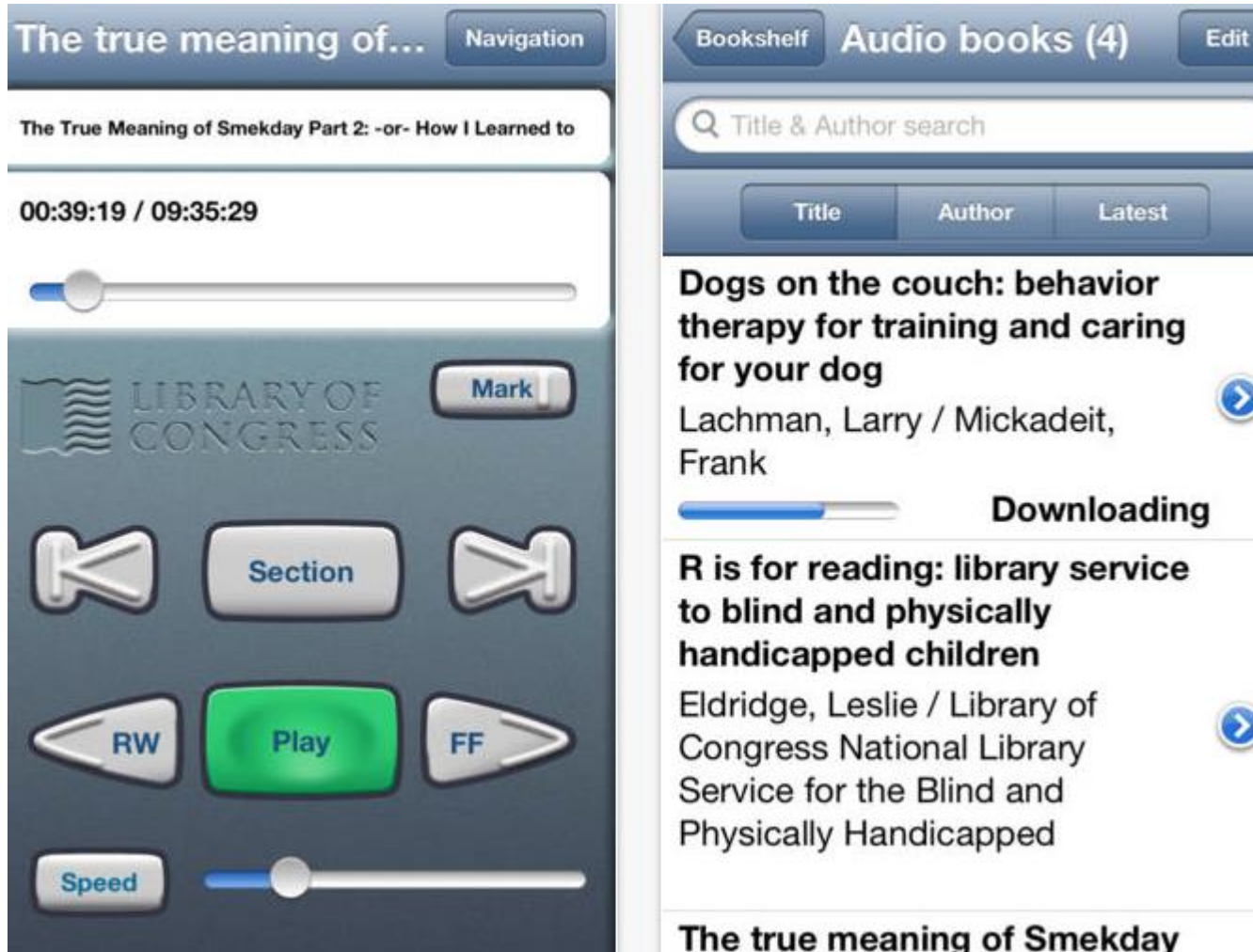
www.tsl.texas.gov/tbp/reading_disabilities

Digital Talking Book Machine (DTBM)



- Books play on cartridges with no moving parts
- Touch buttons control the functions of the machine

BARD Mobile App





"It's huge to have access to the same books all of my friends are reading. To be able to talk about the same books others are reading, as a kid, is about being part of the community, being able to engage."

~ Juan Carlos, student patron



"I go through about five books a week, I heard about this project through the VA and I think it really helps a lot of folks in my position stay connected to the books and stories they love."

~ Johnny, veteran patron



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Thank you for your interest in our library service for reading disabilities. We look forward to working with you to set up your BARD Mobile app account on your smartphone or tablet. BARD Mobile gives immediate access to free books and magazines that will best meet your reading interests and needs.

GREETINGS FROM THE TALKING BOOK PROGRAM!

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www.TexasTalkingBooks.org**

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- Free reference service to those who need info about disability services
- **Available to the general public.**
You don't have to be registered at TBP to call DIRC.

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